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Excise Officers Arrest 19 at Concert

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (June 23) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 19 people on 22 charges at the 103.9 The Bear's The Big Growl 3 concert in South Bend yesterday.

Excise officers arrested 13 people for various drug offenses, most for possession of marijuana, while on patrol at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Two minors were arrested for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol and one adult was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor. One minor was also charged with false informing.

Three juveniles were cited for possession of tobacco and two were cited for littering.

Yesterday's 103.9 WRBR concert featured Chevelle, Adelitas Way, Saliva, Tantric and Eve to Adam.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.